

Commercial Striped Bass Industry Work Group Subcommittee Meeting

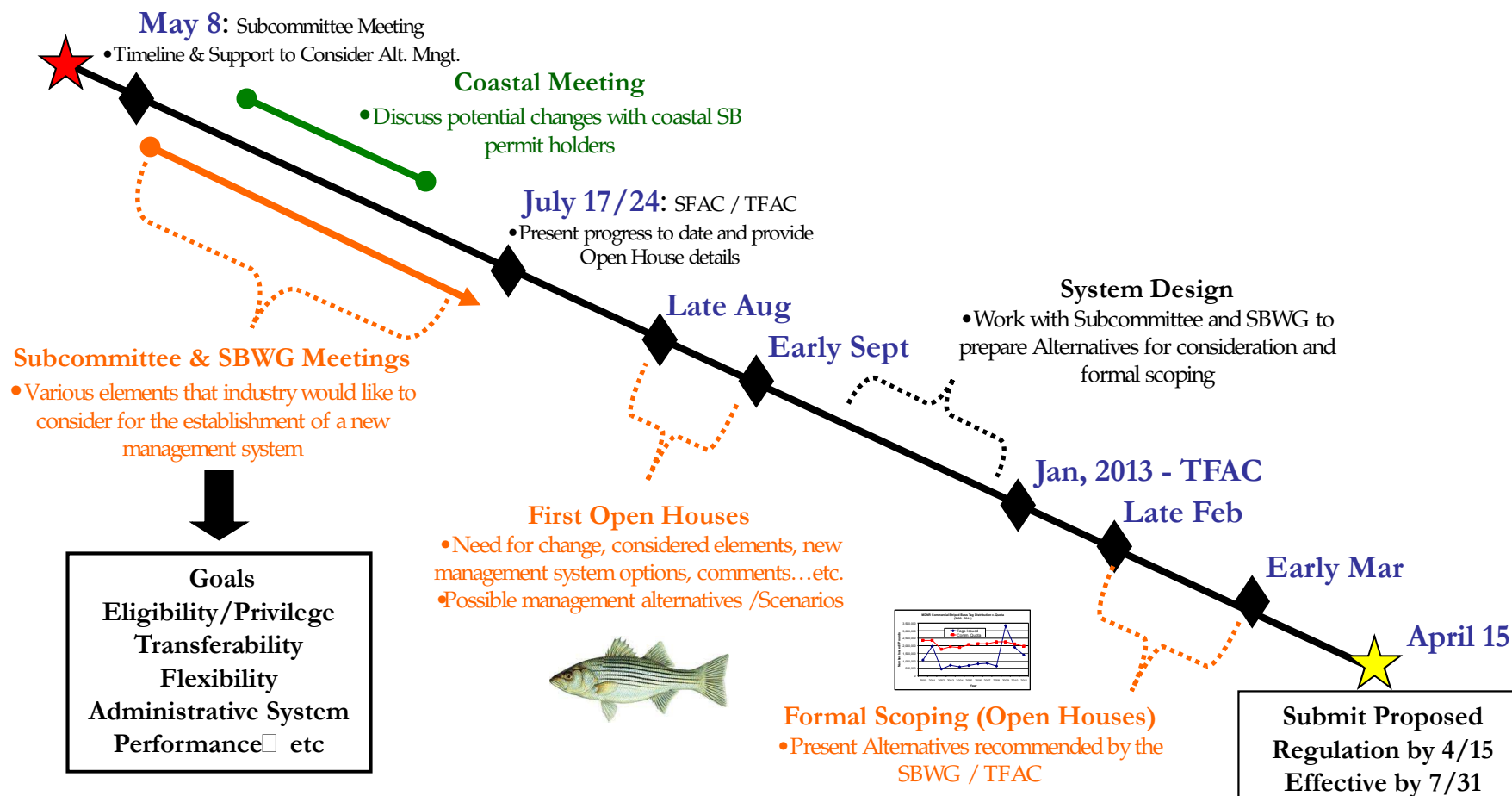


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Meeting Agenda

- **Timeline for New Management System**
- **ASMFC Draft Addendum III – Striped Bass Tags**
 - Establishes a standard for SB tags coastwide
 - Review alternatives in the Addendum
 - Review Law Enforcement Committee (LEC) recommendations
- **Development of Goals**
- **Discussion of Key Elements to the New System**
 - Eligibility, Transferability, Flexibility, management system...etc.
- **Adjourn**

Timeline for the Implementation of Regulations for the Commercial Management of Striped Bass in 2014



ASMFC Draft Addendum to the Striped Bass Interstate Fishery Management Plan

“... proposes implementing a mandatory commercial tagging program for all states and jurisdictions with commercial striped bass fisheries...”

“These options are intended to prevent commercial striped bass quota overages and illegal harvest of striped bass...”

The addendum includes:

- ✓ Tag Information & Type
- ✓ ~~Tag Timing~~
- ✓ Tag Allowance
- ✓ Tag Accounting
- ✓ Reporting
- ✓ Striped Bass Exportation

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Tag Allowance – State system for the distribution of tags

Option 1 – No Action

Option 2 – Biological Tag Allowance

- “...required to distribute commercial tags to permit holders based on a biological metric (i.e. average size/weight).”
- “...intended to prevent quota overages.”
- In MD, this would also help with the problem identified by the SBWG with incentive for illegal tag use/misreporting.

Law Enforcement Committee:

- Specifically mentions the Southern MD Case
- Mentions VA as an examples of a state with Bio Tag Allowance
- “Goal” should be to reduce the availability of excess tags

ASMFC LEC STRIPED BASS TAG ACCOUNTABILITY ANALYSIS

STATE	2011 WEIGHT QUOTA (LBS.)	NUMBER OF TAGS ISSUED	UNUSED TAGS TURNED IN	YEAR ON TAG	SIZE LIMIT ON TAG
Massachusetts	1,073,134	None	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rhode Island	232,974	25,000	No	Yes	No
New York	828,293	93,948	Yes	Yes	No
Delaware	203,120	33,000 (approx.)	Yes	Yes	No
Maryland	1,963,873	1,421,000	Yes	Yes	No
PRFC	290,095	48,100	Yes	Yes	No
Virginia	1,615,214	284,000	Yes	Yes	No
North Carolina	480,480	Unknown	Yes	No	No

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Commercial Tags:

- *Using Biological Metrics would save us \$144,500*
- *There would be 825,000 less tags issued*

	2011	Biol. Metrics
Ordered	1.6 M	600,000
Issued	1.4 M	575,000
Cost	\$225,000	\$80,500

Goals of the New Management System

	DNR	Industry
•Develop a plan for the long term sustainability of the commercial fishery	X	X
•Develop a plan that keeps harvest within the quota / stock health	X	X
•Optimize economic efficiency	X	X
•Develop a cost effective management system that operates within the budgetary limits of the Department	X	?
•Create fair and objective rules for the allocation of the quota	X	X
•Develop a secure system of tag management based on the available commercial quota	X	X
•Create enforceable and understandable regulations	X	?
•Provide for strict accountability of harvesters	X	X
•Reduce Latent Effort?	X	X
•Security of the Full Time Waterman?	X	X

Biological

Economic

Social / Management

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Elements of the New Management System

For Example (Eligibility):

- Critical to defining 'Who' can participate in this fishery (Permit Holder)
- What will be used as criteria to be eligible
 - Current Permit Holders – Currently ~1200?
 - Only active permit holders – Currently ~ 700?
 - Longevity in the fishery – Since the beginning / grandfathering?
- Income dependant – Full Time Waterman
- New Entrants /Recently acquired a permit. (How will they be able to enter)

Eligibility

Flexibility

Transfer

Tag
System

IFQ's w/
individual
allocation